

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 3, 4 and 8 are allowed, and claims 11 and 15 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-14 and 16-18 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Rune (U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. No. 2001/002906).

Along with the previously filed response, Applicants submitted a Rule 131 Declaration and invention disclosure forms showing that the present invention was made earlier than Rune's effective U.S. filing date of December 1, 2000, and Applicants requested the removal of the §102(e) rejection based on Rune.

In the *Response to Arguments* section of the present Office Action, the Examiner states that the Office will not consider the previous noted submissions because all joining inventors did not submit the 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration to overcome the rejections of the claims. The Examiner notes that Mr. Kuen Pyo Hong, the Director of the Patent Department at Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd., executed the Rule 131 Declaration, however, the Examiner states that Mr. Kuen Pyo Hong is not the owner of the invention.

Applicants' representatives contacted the Examiner to explain that Mr. Kuen Pyo Hong submitted the Rule 131 Declaration on behalf of the owner of the above-identified application, Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd. The Examiner indicated that he would need to speak with his supervisor regarding this matter and advised Applicants to file a Response based on the arguments presented when Applicants' representatives discussed this matter with the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Mr. Kuen Pyo Hong, in his capacity as Director of the Patent Department at Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd., is effectively representing Samsung

Electronics, Co., Ltd., which is the owner of the invention by way of assignment. Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd., is a business entity and therefore cannot execute such a Declaration. An authorized employee of Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd. can be authorized to execute Declarations on behalf of the owner of a particular application. To further this point, Applicants submit the enclosed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) affirming that Mr. Kuen Pyo Hong is authorized to act on behalf of the owner of the above-identified application, which is Samsung Electronics, Co., Ltd.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

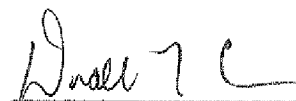
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